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Note by the Secretariat

The Secretariat has the honour to bring to the attention of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management the report prepared jointly by the Open Geospatial Consortium, technical committee 211 of the International Organization for Standardization and the International Hydrographic Organization, which is available in the language of submission only from the website of the Committee (http://ggim.un.org/ggim_committee.html). The Committee of Experts is invited to take note of the report and to express its views on the way forward for the international geospatial information community, including the adoption and implementation of core geospatial standards.

Summary of the report

At its third session, held in July 2013, the Committee of Experts, by decision 3/106, noted the close degree of cooperation among technical committee 211 of the International Organization for Standardization, the Open Geospatial Consortium and the International Hydrographic Organization, and stressed the importance of standards for effective data-sharing and the need for the full involvement of Member States in the development and maintenance of standards. In addition, the Committee emphasized the importance of implementing and adopting standards within national legal and policy frameworks, and noted the need for developing countries to receive support from the standardization bodies in those efforts. The Committee requested the Secretariat to continue its work with the standardization bodies and Member States and to report thereon to the Committee.

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The joint report is intended to inform policymakers and programme managers in Member States of the value of using and investing in geospatial standardization, and describes the benefits of using open geospatial standards to achieve standardization, data-sharing and interoperability goals.